

"THIS LAND IS MY LAND"—CSM
ROCKY SHAPLA, UNITED STATES
ARMY

HON. GEOFF DAVIS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 14, 2010

Mr. DAVIS of Kentucky. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor a great American story, and patriot, Command Sergeant Major Rocky Shapla of Murray, Kentucky. CSM Shapla has lived the American Dream, arriving in the U.S. from Yugoslavia at the age of 15. With nothing but the shirt on his back he would rise up to become a CSM in the United States Army . . . because of his leadership and drive. He has fought in wars, just like all of our forefathers who wear the name Patriot . . . because of their service to country. With over 41 years in the service, his resume is an outstanding one to say the least. Rocky has been recovering from injuries sustained in Iraq. He loves the Army, and he loves this country. As he put it, "only in America can you come here without nothing, rise up to become a CSM in the United States Army, and have dinner at the White House with the President. Its time for this Kentucky Thoroughbred to come back home to that blue grass that he so loves, Kentucky and his family. I ask that this tribute penned in his honor by Albert Caswell be placed in the RECORD.

THIS LAND IS MY LAND

This land is my land . . .
This land is our land . . .
All in this Country Tis of Thee so grand . . .
Are but born, such fine son's . . . such son's
of liberty who stand . . .
But, some sons come from far across the seas
. . .
To but live the American Dream . . .
So many of our future great Americans, new
daughters and sons . . .
Who but new lives have begun . . .
All in their fine pursuit, of most precious
freedom . . .
Who raise their hands and take that oath
. . .
With tears in eyes, as all in their hearts as
this means the most . . .
The ones who do it the right way . . .
But, with their own fine lives, are but will-
ing to pay!
As they assimilate, into this great melting
pot . . . as its for them we pray . . .
The ones who will so proudly, wear that uni-
form . . .
As in their fine hearts, their love of country
beats ever on . . .
Willing to face death, giving up all until
none lies left . . . as they march on . . .
Living the American Dream, raising a fine
family . . . daring to dream!
Rising up through the ranks, into a Com-
mand Sergeant Major . . .
As to him, Rocky we give such thanks . . .
From one war to the next, Rocky's fine life
for us has so been pledged!
Melding into, one of America's most finest
sons!
Yes land is your land, is our land . . .
Training and leading, all of our most coura-
geous daughters and sons . . .
Succeeding, for Rocky was a man on a mis-
sion!
Coming to this new world, with but his great
dreams and visions unfurled . . .
A man who fell in love three times . . .
With his Country, his Wife . . . and the
United States Army . . . double time!
And his children, and Kentucky make five!

To live a great life, all in that old Kentucky
Clay . . .
This great land of Lincoln, Ali, and most be-
loved Henry his dreams were made . . .
Doing it, doing the Right Way . . . the Amer-
ican Way . . .
Only in America, can one travel across the
seas, and a Command Sergeant Major
rise up to be . . .
And raise a fine family, and live the dream
. . . a shake the President's hand it
seems!
For hearts of courage full, and fine patriots
. . . who live by that golden rule . . .
Coming across the shores, with hearts of
dreams so very full . . .
This Land is my land, this land is our Land
. . . may live the American Dream so
true!

IN HONOR OF TONY CAMPOS

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

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Mr. FARR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a model public servant who dedicated his life to the betterment of the Pajaro Valley on California's central coast. Tony Campos, a native of the Pajaro Valley, has served his community as a city councilmember, a mayor, and a county supervisor since 1987. His leadership and dedication has resulted in many successes. Moreover, his loyalty and compassion made him a dear friend to me and many others.

Tony was born and raised in the Pajaro Valley, graduated from Watsonville High School and attended Cabrillo College. He spent fourteen years working in the sprawling agricultural fields with his father. From this strong foundation, Tony sought to continue his success by becoming a small-business owner. However, the biggest success in his life came in March of 1977 when he married Becky Tegenkamp.

In 1987, Tony was elected as to the Watsonville City Council. He was the first Latino elected to the City Council since the city's incorporation in 1868. Two years later, he demonstrated exemplary leadership in the Loma Prieta earthquake and its aftermath. As Mayor of Watsonville, Tony led the city through one of its worst natural disasters when the Pajaro River overflowed, flooding large portions of the Pajaro Valley.

In June of 1998, Tony became the first Latino elected to the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors since 1853. For twelve years, he fought tirelessly to improve social and health services in the county. Moreover, as Chairman of the Board, Tony has brought further attention to the needs of seniors, Latinos, young people, and farm workers. Recently, Tony accomplished his goal of equal access to the courts and other government services by playing an instrumental role in the construction of the new Watsonville Civic Center.

Madam Speaker, it is my honor to recognize this community leader and to applaud him for his tenure on the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors. As Tony begins the next chapter of his life, he will continue to be a strong advocate for the Pajaro Valley and the Central Coast. I wish my friend and his lovely wife all the best in their future endeavors.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. NIKI TSONGAS

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. TSONGAS. Madam Speaker, I was unavoidably detained and was unable to cast a vote on the following rollcall votes: Rollcall 581 to designate the Lance Corporal Alexander Scott Arredondo, United States Marine Corps Post Office Building; rollcall 582 to support the goals and ideals of a National Mesothelioma Awareness Day; rollcall 584 for the Claims Resolution Act 2010; rollcall 585 to honor and recognize the exemplary service of the 60th Air Mobility Wing, the 349th Air Mobility Wing, the 15th Expeditionary Mobility Task Force, and the 615th Contingency Response Wing civilians and families serving at Travis Air Force Base, California; rollcall 586 to honor and recognize the National Guard on the occasion of its 374th anniversary.

Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" for all votes. I am a cosponsor of the Lance Corporal Arredondo Post Office legislation and the resolution honoring the National Guard, and I have consistently voted to recognize and honor the service and sacrifices of our nation's servicemembers and military families. I commend the National Guard, which has served our nation with distinction and honor for 374 years and deserves the greatest respect and gratitude.

RECOGNITION OF HUGH DORRIAN FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE COM- MUNITY

HON. MARY JO KILROY

OF OHIO

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Ms. KILROY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Hugh Dorrian as he is honored by the Greater Columbus Irish Cultural Foundation. He has been a man of honor in politics, something rare in these times. I cannot remember him ever running a negative ad or engaging in a personal attack on an opponent. He is recognized by the citizens of Columbus as someone who serves with great integrity and in whom they have placed their trust and confidence to safeguard public resources. In office, he does not play partisan politics. He may not give other officials the answer that they want to hear, but he can be counted on to give what he sees as the correct answer about public funds, the budget and spending.

Hugh Dorrian is a man of faith, a devoted husband and father, and his name is well-known in the Irish American community.

As Columbus City Auditor for over four decades, Hugh has seen many changes yet remained steadfast in his commitment to managing the City's fiscal resources. He was awarded the Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association for 30 consecutive years.

Hugh has received numerous accolades throughout the years including the St. Charles